

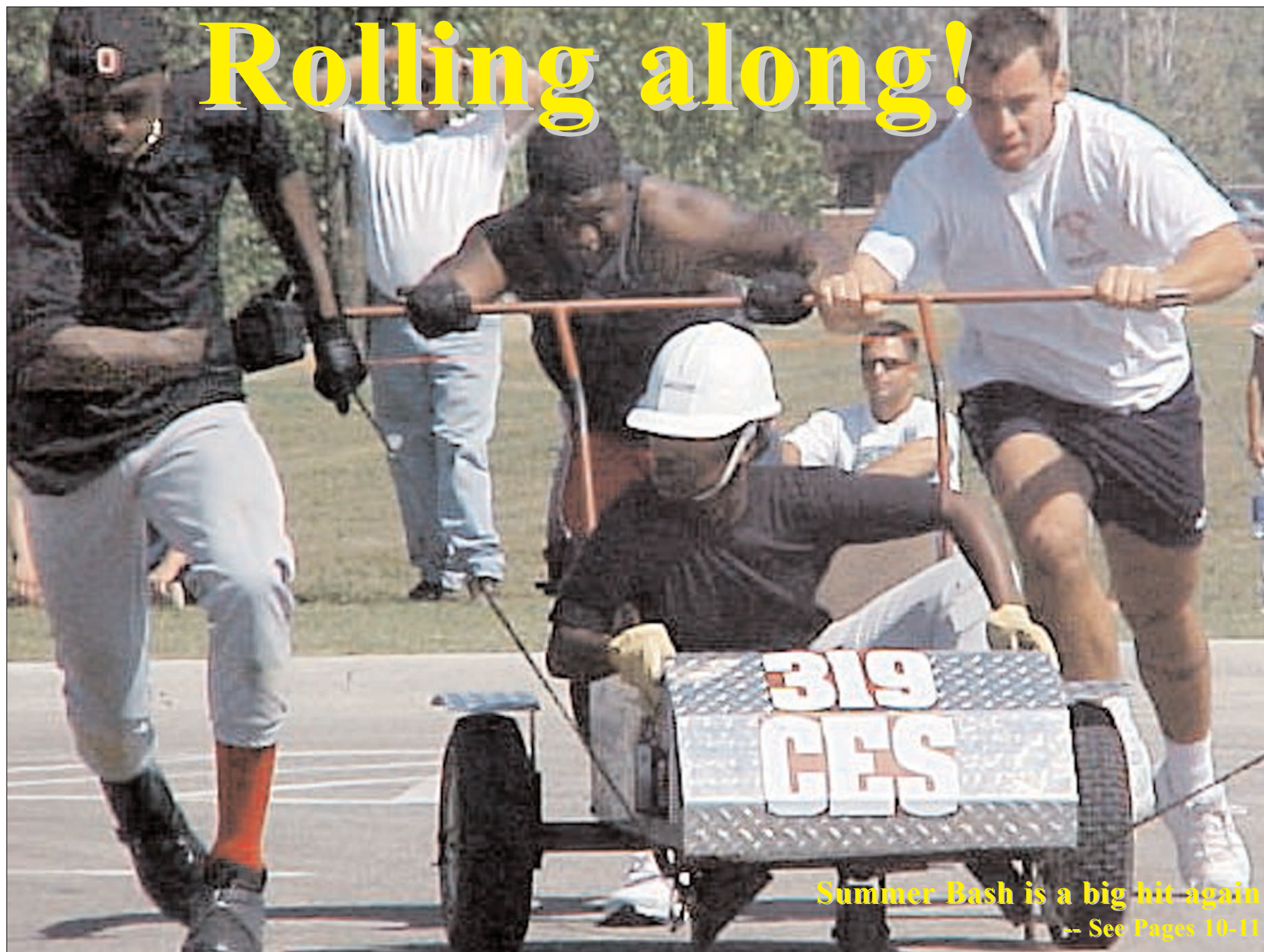


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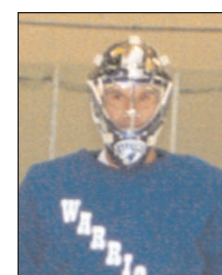
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‘Only one of many’

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
U.S. Central Air Forces Public Affairs
Southwest Asia

On a recent night, I stopped at the air terminal here at my forward deployed location. I wasn’t there long when I struck up a conversation with a couple of U.S. Army Reservists from Alabama.

Turns out, they were traveling through to another location after having spent the last few months patrolling around Baghdad, Iraq.

They both had this weary look about them like they’d just walked in the building from fighting a war. Indeed, they were fighting a war.

The taller one, I would say he was about 6 feet, 2 inches, was a sergeant first class and had a Southern accent that was quite comforting to hear. Not being a Southerner myself, it’s always interesting to hear folks of other regions.

The other guy, a bit shorter with a crewcut, or I should say a bald head with a little bit of hair coming back, was a specialist, and his spirit seemed weighted down by what he’d experienced in the past few months.

At the time, they were waiting to catch a C-130 to Kuwait so they could meet up with some people on an “oil project” they were being assigned to.

I asked them how things were for the Army up in Baghdad. The sergeant told me that while he was up there he was staying in one of Saddam Hussein’s old palaces.

He said it wasn’t too bad working out of there, it was just tough doing the kind of work the Army has been doing there like patrols, convoys and others. He

sounded fairly optimistic on how things were going there.

“It’s a day by day job,” he said slowly. “We’ve still got a lot of work to do there.”

The specialist was a bit more upbeat than his comrade, but a little less tactful. Besides being significantly shorter, probably around 5 feet, 8 inches, he was also younger - probably in his mid-20s, while the sergeant was at least 10 years his senior.

“We’re only having about one death a day up there now,” the specialist said jokingly. “You really have to look at the bright side of things when you’re working in an area like that.”

My silent stare at him probably made it clear that I didn’t think it was too funny, but he has the combat experience, not me. He said his nights were spent in a camp along the walls of the Baghdad International Airport, an area “Baghdad Bob,” the infamous Iraqi information minister once denied had the presence of American troops.

“When you sleep there, you can see the C-130s fly over all the time,” the specialist said. “That’s always a sign to you that someone is coming or going. In a place like that, the Air Force is your best friend.”

Despite the specialist’s candid remarks, he was right about one thing - the troops in Iraq have to constantly look at the bright side of life. And it’s for that reason they need to.

All the Army troops, as well as troops from all the other services throughout Iraq, face a daunting challenge in helping to provide security, looking for bad guys, avoiding getting shot or injured, and trying to avoid an international incident every time they step out the door of their camp.

“Every day there is like a page in a history book,” the sergeant said.

But history is in the making, according to a recent White House report on improvements seen within Iraq since the end of major combat operations in the country.

The report, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/iraq/>, shows that the effort of guys like the two Reservists I met were not all for naught.

For example, under the header “Results in Iraq: 100 Days Toward Security and Freedom,” you can find a lot of good information about what’s been done in those first 100 days after the war.

Among those you’ll find statements like, “Iraqi hospitals are up and running, and healthcare, previously available only for Ba’athist elite, is now available to all Iraqis. Drugs are being supplied to hospitals and clinics, and medical worker salaries are being paid regularly, ensuring employees attend work. Vaccinations are available across the country, and anti-malarial spraying will take place this autumn.”

All of it is small, small steps that have been taken to improve life for Iraqis.

Yes, it is true that we’ve lost more than 60 service members in that same time span because of terrorist action and accidents, but we can’t have their lives lost in vain.

America is in Iraq, and that was plainly obvious when the two Reservists walked past an Army captain taking an in-between flights nap with his gear.

“He’s on his way to Baghdad,” one of them said. “I just hope he’s ready for some really tough work. He’s going to be only one of many guys up there trying to do the best they can.”



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C-9 completes last U.S. mission

By 2nd Lt. Nicole Barnum
375th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) -- Airmen prepared for Air Evac 696's Aug. 18 mission as they would for any other. But this was not like any other mission.

The aircraft, a C-9A Nightingale, was embarking on the 375th Airlift Wing's last scheduled C-9 aeromedical evacuation flight.

In fact, it was the last operational C-9 AE flight in the continental United States, officials said. The flights have originated here since 1968.

"Since its inception, the C-9A has been the 'Cadillac' of aeromedical evacuation," said Lt. Col. Ron Langford, 11th Airlift Squadron commander.

"(This) is a sad day for those of us who've flown or worked on the C-9. There is no more rewarding mission than helping your fellow soldier, sailor and airman return home to family and friends after sacrificing so much for this country.

"In the AE business, we got to briefly brush paths with the true heroes of this nation."

The last mission included one litter patient, several Army patients returning home from oper-

ations in Iraq and several space-available travelers.

The aircraft flew first to Fort Campbell, Ky., then on to Alexandria International Airport in Louisiana, and finally dropped off its last patient at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

"The C-9 and aeromedical evacuation have been partners in care for 32 years," said Col. David Doty, 375th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron commander. "The very sight of the C-9 has been a constant symbol of hope, care and relief to (servicemembers) at home and abroad in times of trouble and in times of peace. As that great partnership passes into history, its proud heritage will carry on.

"The Nightingale mission was the breeding ground for the aeromedical culture that stands today as the worldwide leader of military medical 'care in the air,'" he said.

"AE is a mission, not an airframe, and so it will continue. But we will always owe a debt of gratitude to that proud bird, and the women and men who flew it, for their enduring legacy of sacrifice and excellence."



C-9A Nightingale



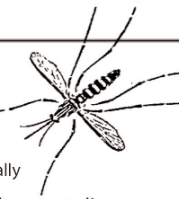
Photo by Maj. Robert Couse-Baker

Firefight

Staff Sgts. Don Doose (right) and Jerry Bowling douse a training fire at a forward-deployed location in Southwest Asia. They are firefighters deployed to the 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.

WELLNESS TIP

Mosquitoes spread deadly diseases, including **Malaria, Dengue Fever, West Nile Virus, Yellow Fever** and **Eastern Equine Encephalitis**, that kill more than **2 million people** annually



Prevent mosquito bites and prevent disease:

- * **Avoid** outdoor activities at **dawn** and **dusk**
- * Wear **long-sleeved** shirts and long **pants**
- * Use insect repellents containing **DEET**

SOURCE: AMC Surgeon General's Office

Information graphic by AMC Public Affairs

Lightning strikes tanker - twice

By Capt. Allen Herritage
376th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

DEPLOYED LOCATION (AFPN) - Twenty minutes before landing, all systems were normal, the mission had gone flawlessly and the crew of “Shell 02” was ready to complete another successful refueling flight supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. But 10 minutes and two lightning strikes later, the only thing resembling “normal” aboard the aircraft was the poise of a well-coordinated aircrew.

The KC-135 Stratotanker crew, from the 22nd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, was returning here Aug. 4 after refueling Danish F-16s that were providing close-air support to coalition forces in Afghanistan. As the tanker descended for home, slight precipitation beaded on the windshield when the aircraft entered an area of continuous clouds.

“We were in a descent at about 20,000 feet. The weather radar didn’t show any signs of severe weather nor were there

any reports of it,” said Capt. Ervin Powers, aircraft commander.

The crew was looking forward to the same uneventful landing their Danish coalition partners had just experienced minutes earlier when they heard a loud crack.

“There was a bright flash and a loud noise,” said 1st Lt. Stephanie Daniels, the co-pilot.

The aircraft had been struck by lightning. Capt. Powers immediately asked if everyone was OK as Lt. Daniels scanned the instruments and engines to make sure all vital systems were still running properly. Airman 1st Class Ryan Thomas, a boom operator, backed-up both pilot and co-pilot to make sure no one was missing anything.

“I knew we needed to descend immediately,” Capt. Powers said.

Aided by Marine Corps air traffic control liaisons, the crew was able to communicate the need for an immediate descent to the controllers in the tower.

“This wasn’t the normal call to request permission to descend,” said Lt. Daniels. “Without the Marine liaison, the language barrier would have forced us to

spend more time flying in the bad weather while explaining our intentions. They really helped us get down quickly.”

With the lightning strike behind them, the crew regrouped as they neared the bottom of the cloudbank. Seconds before punching through the thick weather, the aircraft was struck by lightning for the second time in eight minutes.

“This one was big, much brighter and louder than the first,” said Capt. Powers. “It hit the crew entrance, which is right under the cockpit. It sounded like a sledgehammer had been slammed against the side of the cockpit.”

About 10 minutes after the second strike, the crew landed the damaged KC-135 without further incident.

The aircraft sustained visible damage to the crew entrance hatch, which looked like it had been hit with a 12-gauge shotgun slug, and a two-foot section was blown off the top of the tail. The damage, which is still being assessed, will probably keep the jet off the flying schedule until it is rotated back to the United States, officials said.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Rush

Senior Airman Greg Monroe uses a hoist to inspect lightning damage to the tail of a KC-135 Stratotanker Aug. 5. The aircraft was struck by lightning twice during its landing approach to a deployed location on Aug. 4.

Legal readiness important before deployment

By Mr. Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) - American servicemembers have deployed across the globe for months at a time since the beginning of the war against global terrorism.

Therefore, it is important military members vigilantly ensure a constant state of legal readiness, according to Capt. Brian K. Keller, a Marine Corps lawyer. He is the officer-in-charge of the Marine legal assistance office at Henderson Hall, Va.

Capt. Keller said that servicemembers should take time long before deployment becomes a possibility to consult a military attorney for evaluation of their legal readiness.

This not only includes wills and powers of attorney, but also a laundry list of other issues.

Military attorneys can help servicemembers complete that list, but once deployment comes into view, Capt. Keller said, it is often too late to attend to the appointments, paperwork and actions needed to ensure legal readiness.

The military provides free legal assistance to servicemembers and their dependents, Capt. Keller said. Military attorneys handle traditional transactions like arranging wills and powers of attorney.

They can also counsel servicemembers on a wide range of topics, including insurance matters, consumer and civil-law issues, court hearings and child-support obligations.

Powers of attorney are powerful legal documents that authorize a designated representative to conduct

specific transactions in the name of the absentee, Capt. Keller said.

Yet, a general power of attorney without limits could give holders “unlimited powers to do whatever they wanted to with your assets,” he cautioned.

Depending on the situation, authorizing general powers of attorney can “be a terrible thing to do,” Capt. Keller pointed out. Instances of misuse of powers of attorney have been known to occur during and after deployments.

Therefore, he recommended that powers of attorney should be limited “to about a one-year time span,” and should be given sparingly and only to trustworthy and financially responsible people.

Servicemembers will find it is difficult to revoke powers of attorney when deployed overseas, Capt. Keller said. To effectively revoke powers of attorney, “you not only have to give the revocation to the holder,” but also to anyone who may rely on the power of attorney such as businesses, banks or mortgage lenders.

To mitigate possible misuse of powers of attorney, Capt. Keller said it is a good idea “to have a special power of attorney that’s limited to a certain amount of time” and spells out exactly what the holder is authorized to do.

For example, powers of attorney can be written to only authorize the issuance of checks in specific amounts and to pay specific bills, he said.

A will is another important legal document servicemembers should periodically review and update as needed, Capt. Keller said.

This is typically because of circumstances such as

new members to the family, divorce, changes in assets and other factors.

Divorced or separated servicemembers with child-support payments or other financial obligations should ensure that such monies continue to be provided to the appropriate agency or person during periods of deployment, he said.

If child-support obligations will become exceedingly financially burdensome or impossible to meet during deployment, servicemembers must request a decrease of the court-ordered amount well before deployment, Capt. Keller said.

Waiting too long may waive any possibility of a decrease.

All in all, keeping up with legal affairs benefits both individual servicemembers and military readiness, Capt. Keller said.

Servicemembers with their legal affairs in disarray and hard-pressed to effectively tackle those problems often become overwhelmed and consequently “can’t do their jobs appropriately,” Capt. Keller said.

“(In the long run) they’ll incur more financial damage if they don’t set up preventative (legal) measures beforehand,” Capt. Keller said.

The need for servicemembers to attend to legal-readiness issues is no less important than carrying the proper homeowner’s or automobile insurance policies, Capt. Keller said.

“There’s no way the military can verify each servicemember’s legal readiness,” he said. “Being prepared legally is the responsibility of the servicemember and his or her family.”

Briefs

Articles 15

The base reported eight Articles 15 during July. Among them include:

► A senior airman was charged with Article 134 - Drunk and Disorderly Conduct, and Communicating a Threat. Penalties were reduction to airman 1st class, suspended reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$575 for two months, and a letter of reprimand.

► A senior airman was charged with Article 92 - Derilection of Duty (Providing Alcohol to a Minor). Penalties were reduction to airman 1st class, suspended forfeiture of \$764 for two months, 45 days extra duty, and a letter of reprimand.

► An airman was charged with Article 92 - Derilection of Duty (Misuse of Government Travel Card). Penalties were reduction to airman basic, and suspended forfeiture of \$575.

► An airman was charged with Article 92 - Derilection of Duty (Underage Drinking). Penalties were suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$25 for two months, and a letter of reprimand.

► A staff sergeant was charged with Article 92 - Derilection of Duty (Misuse of Government Travel Card). Penalties were suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$75, and suspended 30 days extra duty.

► An airman was charged with Article 128 - Assault, and Article 92 - Disobey Lawful Order. Penalties were reduction to airman basic, 15 days extra duty, and a letter of reprimand.

► An airman 1st class was charged with Article 92 - Disobey Lawful Order. Penalties were reduction to airman, suspended reduction to airman basic, and suspended forfeiture of \$200 for two months.

► An airman basic was charged with Article 128 - Assault. Penalties

were forfeiture of \$575 for two months, suspended forfeiture of \$288 for two months, 30 days restitution, and 30 days extra duty.

Summary court

2nd Lt. Robert DeMar, 319th Maintenance Squadron, has been appointed as the Summary Court Officer for Airman 1st Class Ronnie L. Golden, formerly assigned to the 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Anyone in debt to or having a claim against the estate of Airman Golden should contact Lt. DeMar at 747-3776/5.

OPSEC tip

Be alert. Foreign governments and organizations can collect significant amounts of useful information by using spies.

A foreign agent may use a variety of approaches to befriend someone and get sensitive information. This sensitive information can be critical to the success of a terrorist spy.

Home buying seminar

The Family Support Center is holding a home buying seminar Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. Gather information before beginning your home buying process.

This course will cover the buying process, terminology, loan options, typical closing costs, inspections, disclosure statement, affordability, and more.

For reservations and details, call 747-3241/6437.

OSC expo

The Officers Spouses' Club is holding a base and community expo at the Officers' Club Sept. 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For details, call Mrs. Michelle Davis at 594-3965.

Community

Today

CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights Club evening special is 8 oz. rib eye steak for \$7.95. The Frontier Grill summer menu is also available. The deployed spouses discount is also offered tonight. If your spouse is deployed receive 20 percent off your evening meal.

OPEN SKATE: There will be open skating for ages 6 and older from 6 p.m. to midnight at Liberty Square. The Teen Center will also be open at this time. Admission is \$3 and skate rental is \$2.

Saturday

HOT SHOT COMPETITION: There is a free teen “Hot Shot” Competition at

the Youth Center for ages 13 to 18 at 8 p.m. Trophy goes to the best shooter.



CLUB KARAOKE: The Northern Lights Club offers Karaoke from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

CLUB DANCING: The Northern Lights Club offers dancing rom 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. to ‘club mix’ music with “DJ ‘C.’”

YOUTH GALAXY BOWLING: Register at the Youth Center for galaxy bowling at Dakota Lanes for ages 9 to 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. and ages 13 to 15 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Cost is \$2.50 per hour and 75 cents for shoe rental. There must be at least 10 participants to hold this event.

Sunday



END OF ATWIND: One more week left of ATWIND. Program ends August 31 at 11 pm.



SUNDAY BRUNCH: Sunday brunch at the Northern Lights Club from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adult prices are \$9.95, children 6 to 12 are \$5.95 and children 4 and younger are free.

Monday

FALL SOCCER MEETING: There will be a parents meeting concerning youth soccer at 5:30 pm at Liberty

Square. This is a rescheduled meeting from Monday due to the Operational Readiness Inspection.

YOUTH CENTER FALL HOURS: The Youth Center fall hours go into effect Monday. Hours will be as follows: **School-Age Program:** Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **EPT Program:** Monday through Friday 3 to 5 p.m.

Youth Center: Monday through Thursday ages 9 to 12, 5 to 7 p.m. and ages 13 to 18, 5 to 8 p.m. **Open Skating (Liberty Square):** Friday ages 6 to 18, 6 to 10 p.m. **Teen Center (Liberty Square):** Friday ages 13 to 18, 6 to 11 p.m.

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Base chapel

CATHOLIC:
Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.
Daily mass: 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sunflower Chapel.
Reconciliation: 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment, Sunflower Chapel.
CCD registration: Children age 3 as of Aug. 31 through high school.
Adult education, sacramental programs: Call Jane Hutzol at 747-3073.

PROTESTANT:
Traditional worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.
Contemporary worship: 6 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel.
Young Adults: 6 p.m. Friday, Chaplain Swain’s home, 747-4359.
Men of the Chapel bible study: Noon Monday, Prairie Rose Chapel conference room.

JEWISH:
For details, call Sheila Farquharson at 594-3960 or Synagogue B’nai Israel at 775-5124.

RUSSIAN/EASTERN ORTHODOX:
For details, call Dr. Levitov at 780-6540.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, OTHER:
For details, call 747-5673.

Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.
League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG-13)
Based on the graphic comic book miniseries, the story is set in England during Victorian times.
The League is a group of superhero-like characters culled from famous works of literature who join forces to thwart an evildoer’s plan for igniting wars between nations and achieving world domination.

Saturday, 7 p.m.
How to Deal (PG-13)
Mandy Moore plays Halley, a teenager so surrounded by reminders of how love can go wrong — the divorce of her parents (Peter Gallagher, Allison Janney), her best friend Scarlett’s tragic relationship with a boy — that she decides that it doesn’t exist.

Aug. 29, 7 p.m.
Pokemon Heroes (G)
In this fifth installment of the popular series, Ash, Pikachu, and friends experience more adventures, this time at the world’s largest water city, where they try to foil a heist by a pair of creative thieves.

Aug. 30, 7 p.m.
Bad Boyz II (R)

Tickets: \$1.50 children, \$3 adults
For details, call 747-3021/6123.

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Youth Center: Saturday ages 9 to 12, 4 to 9 p.m. and ages 13 to 18, 4 to 11 p.m.

CANDY BINGO: The Youth Center offers candy bingo for ages 6 to 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday



TORCH CLUB

MEETING: The Youth Center is holding a Torch Club meeting for ages 11 to 13 from 8 to 9 p.m.

For details, call the Youth Center at 747-3150.

TEENSUPREME MEETING: There is a TeenSupreme meeting for ages 14 to 18 from 9 to 10 p.m. at the Liberty Square teen center.

For details, call the Youth Center at 747-3150.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT:

The Youth Center is holding a volleyball tournament for ages 9 to 12 at 5:30 p.m. and 13 to 18 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday

FINE ARTS PROGRAM: The Youth Center’s next free fine arts program class is today.

The fine arts program is held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month during summer.

This program is meant to provide club members with the opportunities to create works of art for display in a local exhibit. The goal is to help youth to uncover their artistic talents and motivate them to develop their creative skills and possibly explore related career opportunities.

Children ages 6 to 12 are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and ages 13 to 18 at 8 p.m. A qualified instructor will be present. The fine arts program will be offered every Wednesday starting Sept. 3.

Upcoming

GUITAR INTEREST: There is a guitar lessons interest list available at the Youth Center. Lessons would be for ages six and older on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 to 8 p.m. in half-hour increments.

Possible cost would be \$12 per half-hour lesson. Acoustic or electric guitar lessons offered.

For details, call 747-3150.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:

The Youth Center is holding a “three-on-three” basketball tournament Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. for ages 9 to 12 and 8 p.m. for ages 13 to 18.

REGISTRATION FOR EPT

CONTINUES: Registration for the youth programs education program times continues through Aug. 30.

During EPT times, youth are only allowed in the Youth Center if they are attending the programs for the day. These times are not open for recreation. EPT will not be offered on days when school is not in session.

Youth must be signed up for the programs to participate, and all programs are free. Call the Youth Center for a listing of all programs being offered and the information pertaining to each program at 747-3150.

KING’S WALK MILITARY

APPRECIATION MONTH: Golf at the King’s Walk Golf Course this month and receive these special prices:

- ▶ \$24 anytime green fee
- ▶ \$15 twilight green fee after 5 p.m.
- ▶ \$12 green fee for juniors 18 and younger.

To take advantage of these special rates, golfers must present military identification.

For details and tee times, call 787-5464.

MALL OF AMERICA: Outdoor Recreation is holding a trip to the Mall of America Sept. 6.

Transportation departs at 5 a.m. from Outdoor Recreation and returns around midnight the same day.

Cost is \$22.50 for adults, \$15 for children 12 and younger accompanied by an adult, and includes transportation only. Sign up by close of business Sept. 3 at Outdoor Recreation.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

CENTER NOTABLES: The Skills Development Center’s summer hours are in effect Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and closed Sundays, holiday weekends and goal days.

It's a Bash

By Airman Basic Patrice Clarke
Public affairs

The base's sixth annual Summer Bash festivities took place Aug. 14. Almost everyone knows about the annual bed race, but there is so much more. They can talk about it all they want, but nothing is the same as being at a genuine Grand Forks Air Force Base Summer Bash.

This was my first Summer Bash. From what everyone told me, I expected a great time. I assumed Summer Bash would just be filled with activities.

I got what I expected. This year's bash had so much to do, I really didn't know if I was going to have time to see every event.

The day started with the 5K ATWIND fun run/walk. Some participants ran while others walked. All the participants seemed as if they were having a great time, ranging from small children to colonels.

Following the fun run was the all-star softball game. There was lots of heavy hitting and superior runs. In the end, the National League team beat the American League team, 22-11.

The "Red, White and Blue" parade followed shortly after the All-Star softball game. The theme was readily apparent in all of the costumes the children and adults wore in the parade, and "Dakota Bear" was at the parade

lending a helping hand.

Summer Bash would not be complete without the annual vehicle show and shine. From imports to domestics, old cars, new cars, and trucks were all part of the show. There were six different categories with a first and second place winner in each category.

For the restored classic car category, the first and second place winners were Mr. Lee Farmer, owner of a 1929 Ford, and Staff Sgt. Tom Shields of the 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron, owner of a 1968 Chevrolet Camaro.

There was only one entry in the domestic car category. It was a 1985 Cadillac Eldorado owned by Airman 1st Class Dennis Williams of the 319th Maintenance Squadron.

The import cars were next. First and second place winners were a 1999 Mitsubishi Eclipse, owned by Staff Sgt. Jorge Pagan of the 319th Communications Squadron, and a 2000 Honda Civic.

Airman Rob Harper of the 319th LRS won first place in the domestic truck category with his 2003 Ford F150 100th Anniversary Harley-Davidson edition, and Staff Sgt. Doug Winkler of the 319th LRS won second place with a 1977 GMC.

After the cars were the motorcycles. The two categories for motorcycles were domestic and import. Master Sgt. Don Sandbothe of the

319th LRS won first place in the domestic division with his 1995 Heritage Softail Classic Harley-Davidson, and Senior Master Sgt. Harry Walker won second with his 2001 Magna bicycle.

In the import division, Tech Sgt. Jeff Loew of the 319th LRS won first place with his 2000 Yamaha, and Master Sgt. Gary Cleland of Military Equal Opportunity won second with his 1982 Suzuki.

One of the big hits of the day was the Fatal Vision alcohol glasses. Children and adults got to see what alcohol does to your vision and driving skills. Security forces had participants put on glasses and drive the golf cart. They also had children ride in the vehicle with adults wearing the glasses to simulate what it would be like if they were in a car with a drunk driver. Many booths were giving away ATWIND game pieces, t-shirts and other prizes.

Also during the day, the bands "Rockalypso" and "La Bardasse" provided the crowd with Caribbean and Metis music.

The finale of Summer Bash was the sixth annual bed race. If you haven't seen a bed race yet, you are missing out on the fun. In the end, the 319th Civil Engineer Squadron came out on top undefeated, with the 319th Medical Group coming in second and the 911th Air Refueling Squadron coming in third.



Photos by Staff Sgts. Monte Volk and Jason Gamble, and Airman Basic Patrice Clarke

(Clockwise from top) The annual bed race was a hit again as 15 teams entered the field.

Base youth soaked up the sun with trips down an inflatable slide during the Summer Bash picnic by the base softball and youth baseball fields.

A young girl gets her face painted as part of the Summer Bash festivities.

This is just one of many vehicles that was on display for the annual show and shine.



What are your thoughts on this year's Summer Bash?



Col. Barbara Chine
319th Mission Support Group
Commander

"It's great to see the different squadrons' uniqueness when it comes to bed design. It's also good to see all the squadrons out participating - having that good old fashioned squadron rivalry."



**Airman Basic
Danielle Bergeron**
905th Air Refueling Squadron

"This was my first Summer Bash and bed race, so I really didn't know what to expect. Since I was the rider of my squadron's bed, I really expected to win."



**Airman 1st Class
Wes Gray**
905th Air Refueling Squadron

"I really liked the car show at Summer Bash, and the food at the picnic was really good. As for the bed race, this was my first one, and I could see there was a lot of competition between some of the squadrons."



**Airman 1st Class
Tony Hellman**
319th Services Squadron

"I was one of the 'pushers' of the bed. I expected services to win this year's bed race, but the competition was stiff."

Warriors place second at Armed Services Hockey Classic

By Capt. Jesse Carlson
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The base varsity hockey team finished second at the first International Armed Services Hockey Classic July 24 through 27 in Las Vegas.

Military teams from around the nation competed for interservice bragging rights at the tournament. Many more teams were invited to participate, but due to current world events, only 10 were able to attend.

Teams included the Coast Guard Icebreakers from Alameda, Calif., the Fort Bliss Panthers from El Paso, Texas, the Hanscom Eagles from Boston, the Luke Falcons from Phoenix, Team Minot, N.D., the Shaw Vipers from Sumter, S.C., the Massachusetts ARNG Redlegs from Boston, the Travis Jets from Vacaville, Calif., and the Hill Falcons from Salt Lake City.

The Warriors' first opponents were the Shaw Vipers. In a hard fought battle, Grand Forks broke a 0-0 tie in the third period with a goal by Mike Crooks assisted by Dave Walter. Shaw answered with a goal of their own, but Crooks again slipped one past the Viper goaltender to give the Warriors a 2-1 lead heading into the final minutes of the game.

On a dramatic play with only four seconds remaining on the clock, Shaw forward Ross Lauria tied things up on a deflection to send the game into over-

time. Shaw's superstar Lauria then scored his third goal of the game only 1:30 into the overtime period giving the Vipers a 3-2 victory.

Grand Forks returned the next day to take on an upper division foe, the Hanscom Eagles. The Eagles clearly showed up meaning business and jumped to a 5-0 lead halfway through the second period in a very physical game. After giving up the five early goals, Grand Forks bore down and shutout the Eagles for the remainder of the game.

Goals were added by Todd Larson on a penalty shot and another by Crooks assisted by Chad Lynch and Jesse Carlson. However, the deficit proved to be too great, and the Warriors were dealt a disappointing 5-2 loss, leaving the team uncertain about their tournament hopes.

Before continuing, the tournament was interrupted by an exciting aspect - its very own All-Star Game.

Former NHL players Doug Roberts and Andre Lecroix watched the early games and selected individuals for an inter-division All-Star game to be played Friday night. As an added bonus, the former professionals then served as coaches for the game providing their insight and expertise.

Three warriors were selected for this honor including centers Larson and Crooks and defenseman Carlson.

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Coming out of the All-Star break, backed against the wall and with tournament elimination on the line, the Warriors entered their third contest needing a convincing victory. Their opponent would be the Travis Jets, a team that had already defeated the Hill Falcons and needed only a tie to advance.

The Warriors opened with a solid first period with goals by Eric Thompson, Larson from Jerrod Pieschke, and Steve Kerling from Carlson, which gave them a quick 3-0 lead.

While short-handed only 0:40 seconds into the second period, Larson scored on a pass from Carlson and the floodgates opened. The Warriors scored four more in the second with goals by Lynch, Thompson, Dave Delilse, and Roy Fountain with assists going to Kerling, Larson, Crooks and Delilse. Taking an 8-1 lead into the third period, Thompson socred twice, and Lynch and Delilse added a goal apiece to give the Warriors an overwhelming 12-1 victory.

The huge win against Travis thrust the Warriors into the medal round and set up a semifinal rematch against Shaw.

The rematch again proved to be extremely tight, remaining scoreless due in large part to absolutely stellar goal-tending by Warrior netminder John Moes, who rejoined the team from Scott Air Force Base.

Grand Forks drew first blood on a second period goal by Fountain from Thompson. During a fast and furious

third period, the Warriors fought off the Viper attack and held on for the win sending them into the championship game.

Grand Forks entered the Sunday championship game the clear underdogs facing the undefeated Massachusetts ARNG Redlegs. The Redlegs offensive machine had amassed a 30-4 goal differential in their first three games.

Never backing away from a challenge, the Warriors went to work and skated to a defensive 0-0 draw after two periods.

The Redlegs found an opening in the third and took a 1-0 lead. Grand Forks continued to battle, but simply could not find the firepower to penetrate the Redlegs' defense.

Even as the Redlegs took home the title, the Warriors were able to hold their heads high with a second place finish and bring home some hardware of their own.

In addition to the team accomplishment and All-Star selections, the Warriors also had two players receive All-Tournament honors.

Goalkeeper Moes and forward Thompson were recognized with trophies for their stellar play throughout the tournament.

Though pleased with their performance overall, the Warrior hockey team is already looking forward to next year's tournament hoping to improve enough to bring the first place trophy home to Grand Forks where it belongs.

Anyone interested in joining the team should contact Staff Sgt. Todd Larson or Capt. Jesse Carlson.



Courtesy photo

The base varsity hockey team took second at the inaugural Armed Services Hockey Classic.

Team members include (back row, left to right) Dave Walter, Dave Delisle, Jered Pieshke, Roy Fountain, Todd Larson, John Moes, (front row, left to right) Chad Lynch, Francis Bierman, Steve Kerling, Jesse Carlson, Mike Crooks and Eric Thompson.